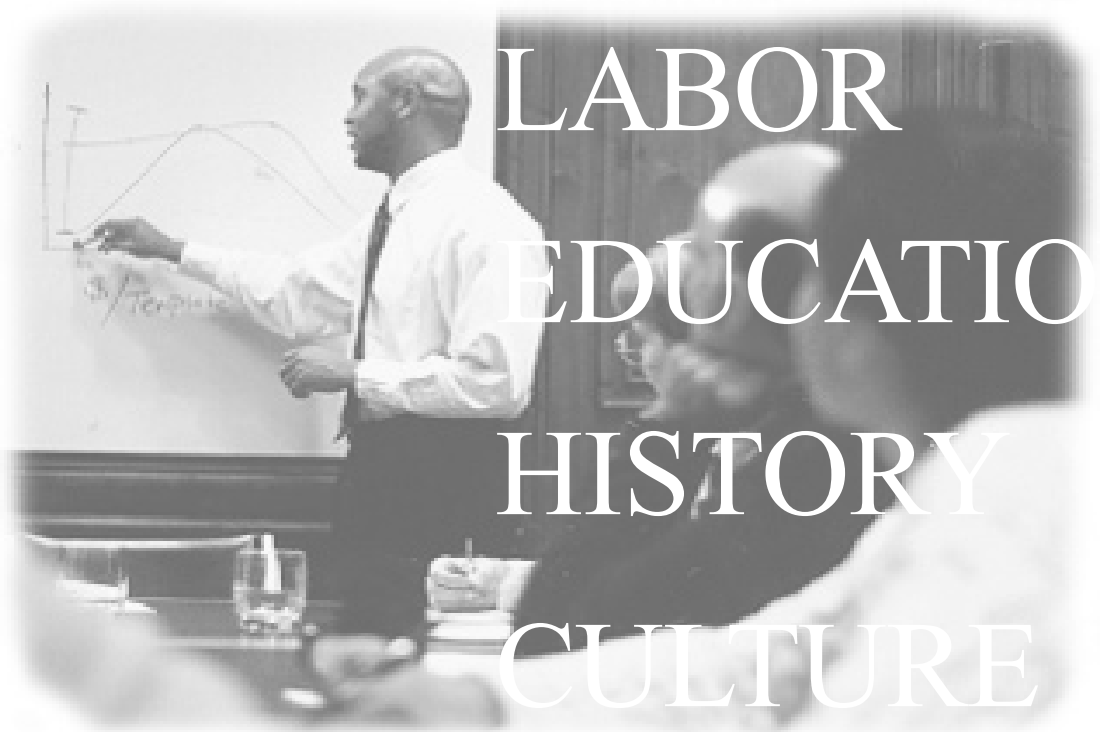


JEFFERSON



PARISH

“ ...the health of a community is a shared responsibility of many entities, organizations and interests in the community, including health services delivery organizations, public health agencies, other public and private entities and the people of a community.”

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**JEFFERSON
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History¹

Jefferson Parish, named after Thomas Jefferson, was created on February 11, 1825. The parish adjoins New Orleans in the north and is a suburban residential section as well as a trade and industrial center. The parish stretches 60 miles to the south to the shores of the Gulf of Mexico at Grand Isle, a seaside resort community and base for oil and related industries. In between these two extremes are the quiet bayous, cypress swamps, and wetlands called the Barataria section, where the famed pirate, Jean Lafitte, once headquartered.

In 1803, when Louisiana became part of the U.S., this area was a wilderness paradise, roamed by Choctaw Indians.

Culture and Recreation³

Jefferson Parish, a major part of Greater New Orleans, is an area of fascinating contrasts to entice the entire family. Enjoy a marshland excursion in the Jean Lafitte National Park, a visit to Rivertown U.S.A., a historical and cultural district in a Victorian setting or a free ferry ride to visit the National Historic Districts of Algiers Point and Gretna which offer a variety of museums, historic sites and homes. Mardi Gras brings two weeks of parades and balls in the early spring.

Parish Seat¹ Gretna¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

Metairie CDP*

1990 149,428

1997 (estimate) N/A

Kenner

1990 72,033

1997 (estimate) 73,876

Marrero CDP*

1990 23,787

1997 (estimate) N/A

Terrytown

1990 23,787

1997 (estimate) N/A

Harvey CDP*

1990 21,222

1997 (estimate) N/A



Gretna	
1990	17,208
1997 (estimate)	17,802

**Census Designated Place*

Parish Population²

1990	448,306
1997 (estimate)	453,160

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White	78%
Black	19%
African American	3%
Male	48%
Female	52%
Population age 0-4	7%
Population age 65 & over	11%

Geography and Statistics²

Average elevation	5 ft.
Land area in square miles	305.9
Water area in square miles ⁴	336.5

Climate²

Average temperatures

Annual	70°
January	59°
July	83°
Annual average rainfall	90.8 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

Civilian	232,400
Employed	219,900
Unemployed	12,500
Unemployment	5.4%

Agriculture¹

Manufacturing and industrial plants, shipyards, port facilities, oil and related firms, trade centers, fishing, hunting and trapping.

Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	2.3%
High school graduate or higher	76.0%
Some college or higher	14.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	18.8%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²

Private Employers

Al Copeland Enterprises (Construction)	14,600
Avondale Shipyards (Marine construction)	6,000
National Supermarkets (Groceries)	5,396

Public Employers

Jefferson Parish School Board (Education)	7,000
City of Kenner (Government)	661

Poverty and Income

Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	14.9%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	24.0%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$22,912



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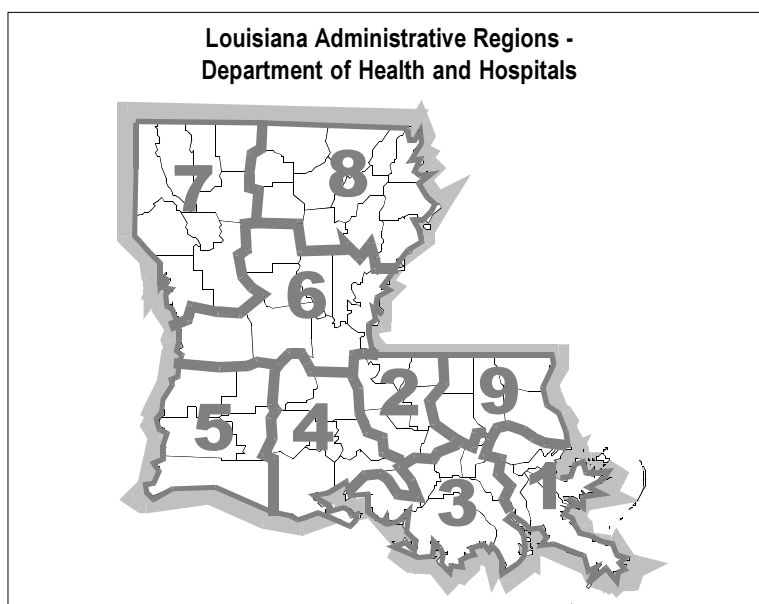
Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour)

New Orleans

Delgado Community College; Dillard University; LSU Medical Center; Loyola University; N.O. Baptist Theological Seminary; Notre Dame Seminary School Theology; Our Lady of Holy Cross College; Southern University; Tulane University; UNO; Xavier University

Public Libraries⁵ 18



Region 1

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermilion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon

Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington